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(Docket No. CRD1061 CIP1)

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| In re the Application of: |) | Customer No. 27717 |
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| David Grewe et al. |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 3736 |
| Serial No.: 10/691,823 |) | |
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| Filed: October 23, 2003 |) | Examiner: J. Hoekstra |
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| For: Guidewire with Deflectable Tip |) | |
| Having Torque Characteristics |) | |

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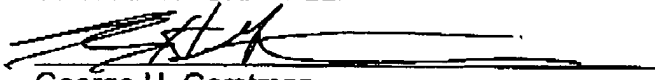
This is in response to the Notice of Hearing mailed September 29, 2008, a copy of which is attached.

I am the patent attorney who has handled the prosecution of the above identified patent application. I prepared the appeal briefs and I am the person most familiar with the above patent application. The Notice of Hearing sets the hearing date for Thursday, November 6, 2008. Unfortunately, I am committed to attending a charitable event in Chicago on November 6, 2008, and I would be unable to attend the hearing that has been set. Therefore, I respectfully request that the hearing date be re-set to another date, so I will be able to attend.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

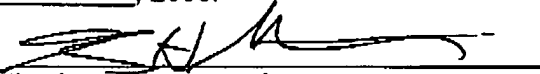
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Appellant: David Grewe, David C. Majercak et al.
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Hearing Date: Thursday, November 06, 2008
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The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

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